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and Janssen. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I had pushed my light off earlier in hopes that we can move forward because we have a number of other amendments to address, but I felt that it was important that in the discussion we talked about some of the other issues. I talked earlier about the impact on the worker and I don't feel that truly it is fair to say to a worker, oh, just get a job somewhere else. Because we have certainly a number of people, due to their circumstances, perhaps they're students trying to work their way through school, who find that these are the types of hours and employment that they can handle while they're going to school. So I don't think it's so easy and I won't be so flippant as to tell a worker, well, just go work somewhere else if you care about your health. But the other issue I have not addressed is the cost to the restaurant. And Senator Bourne has talked about the border issues, and there's clearly border issues under the system that we have right now. When you have a city that has banned it and surrounding areas that have not, you have a competitive issue. And I think that truly it would be in the best interests of the restaurateurs in this state if, in fact, we had a consistent rule so that they could all play by the same rules. In discussions with restaurateurs from some of the states that have banned smoking, it's interesting because they fought the ban initially. They were concerned about the bottom line and, in fact, they found that some of those smokers did not come to their restaurants initially. They found that there were new customers who did come because, in fact, they had avoided the establishments due to the smoke. So perhaps there was a trade-off. Perhaps there was a fall off initially. But certainly we have found in every state that has passed it, as time goes by, that they have found an interesting thing, that receipts have increased, and tax receipts, as a result of that, have also increased. Now, one of the things they told me, which was interesting, all of you who know smokers know that they go into a restaurant, they sit down, they relax, they have a cigarette or two. Then they get around to ordering. Then they sit around after dinner and they light up and they may nurse three or four cups of coffee and enjoy their cigarettes, and they take up that table for a good deal of time. And the